

REMARKS

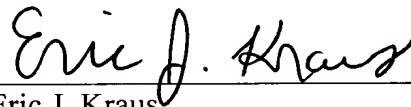
Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-6, 10, 11, 16, 18-22 and 24-25 were allowed. New claims 28-30 have been added to the application. In view of the nature of these additions, it is submitted that no new matter has been added to the application.

Claims 26-27 were rejected under various statutory grounds. In view of the cancellation of these claims, it is submitted that the rejections are no longer applicable to the claims now in the application. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented with this response, it is urged that the rejections of record are overcome and the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of this application is requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 04-1529 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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